

Date: November 23, 2004

To: Chairman Randolph and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Karlan and Knox

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I begin this month's report with the schedule of monthly Commission meetings for 2005. All meetings will be on Thursdays, on the following dates:

Jan 20	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 14	May 12	Jun 9
Jul 7	No Aug mtg	Sep 1	Oct 6	Nov 3	Dec 1

#### A. PERSONNEL

Hal Dasinger, a PRC in the Technical Assistance Division, has accepted employment with The Doctors Company, a medical malpractice insurer in Napa. Most notably, he will work from Montana during the summer months. We thank Hal for his contributions to our education and outreach missions, and wish him well in his new position.

Steve Meinrath, Staff Counsel in the Enforcement Division, has started a position with the Assembly Committee on Public Safety. Steve's background as a public defender and advocate for the criminal defense bar will serve him well in analyzing legislation for the committee. We thank Steve for his contributions to the Enforcement Division and congratulate him on his new job.

#### B. STAFF PROJECTS

The Legal Division's Staff Counsel Natalie Bocanegra will address the County Counsels' Association on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in San Francisco, Staff Counsel Galena West will address staff of the California Bay-Delta Authority in Sacramento, and Assistant General Counsel John W. Wallace will give a presentation to the California Council on School Attorneys, at the California School Boards Association Annual Conference in San Francisco on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Senior Commission Counsel Scott Tocher served on a panel discussing campaign finance with the Assembly Fellows.

The Technical Assistance Division's SEI Unit Manager Dixie Howard conducted an outreach to the Compton Community College, and Assistant Division Chief Lynda Cassady spoke to the California Political Treasurers Association, and Chief Carla Wardlow participated in a panel discussion at the lobbyist ethics seminar. TAD's Political Reform Consultants have seen a reduction in calls from the peak of roughly 200 per day prior to the election, to a level of approximately 60 calls per day following the election.

The Public Education Unit made improvements to the Commission's website, including the Interested Persons section where materials are now better cross-referenced. PEU has also prepared a workshop on media issues for the annual meeting of the Conference of Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL) in early December. Finally, PEU is completing the December issue of the FPPC Bulletin.

### C. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES/AMENDMENTS

Since the last Commission meeting, I have approved the following codes/amendments:

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission  
Quantification Settlement Agreement JPA  
Walnut Energy Center Authority

Power and Water Resources Pooling Authority  
South Coast Air Quality Management District

### D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to regulation 18361, I have found evidence in the following cases sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that the following respondents committed or caused a violation of the Political Reform Act. **This finding of probable cause does not constitute a finding that a violation has actually occurred. The respondents are presumed to be innocent of any violation of the Act unless a violation is proved in a subsequent proceeding.**

**Beneto, Inc. and Steve Beneto, Jr., FPPC No. 02/1020 (*ex parte*).** On November 4, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that Respondents, a business headquartered in West Sacramento and its president, failed to disclose a late contribution in a properly filed paper late contribution report, failed to disclose a late contribution in a properly filed electronic late contribution report, failed to timely file a paper semi-annual campaign statement, and failed to timely file an electronic semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of sections 84203, 84605, subdivision (a), and 84200, subdivision (b)(4 counts).

**Omar Bradley, Committee to Elect Omar Bradley, Committee to Re-elect Omar Bradley Mayor, Friends of Omar Bradley, FPPC No. 01/632 (*ex parte*).** On September 21, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that Respondents, former Compton Mayor Omar Bradley and his controlled committees, failed to file pre-election campaign statements, in violation of sections 85200.5, subdivision (c) and 85200.8, subdivision (b) (9 counts) and failed to file semi-annual campaign statements, in violation of section 84200, subdivision (a) (30 counts).

**Ariane Terlet, FPPC No. 03/860 (*ex parte*).** On November 8, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that Respondent, a member of the Board of Dental Examiners for the California Department of Consumer Affairs, failed to timely file a 2002 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of section 87300 (1 count).

### E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

There were none.